

**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION**  
**Y-CORPS INSTITUTE & Y-CORPS PROGRAM**  
**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE**

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to identify personal behavior that is consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association. The items within the Code are designed to protect the welfare of the program for current participants and future generations. A participant's personal behavior reflects upon one's self, one's Student YMCA, and the Kentucky YMCA. Registration in any Kentucky YMCA conference program indicates personal acceptance of the Code of Conduct. Any student sent home for violation of this Code would be sent at the expense of parent or guardian.

**EXPECTATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS**

1. Participants shall conduct themselves in a respectful and responsible manner before, during, and after all KY YMCA programs.
2. All participants share the responsibility for their actions equally when violations of the Code are witnessed. Those who choose to be present when a violation occurs and do not immediately act to remedy and report the violation shall, by their own choice, be considered participants in the violation. In relation to this Code, there are no "innocent bystanders."
3. No participant shall leave a Kentucky YMCA function without the approval of the Program Director. The delegate must be picked up and returned by a parent or legal guardian who must take responsibility for the delegate in writing.
4. Each participant is legally and financially liable for the removal, defacing, or willful damage to public or private property. Any act of vandalism, destruction of property, or misuse of a facility may be a crime and will be treated as a potential criminal violation.
5. Cell phones, music players, or other wireless communications devices are not to be used during any service projects or formal programming time. We ask participants to keep phones/music devices secure, and reserve use for free times only.
6. The use of tobacco products, burning of incense, possession of alcoholic beverages, and the use of legal or illegal drugs not in accordance with a prescription is forbidden at any Kentucky YMCA function.
7. Participants may not enter sleeping rooms/areas other than those assigned to them by the Y-Staff.
8. No prolonged or intimate displays of affection are permitted at any Kentucky YMCA function.
9. All participants shall be in and remain in assigned rooms by curfew and doors shall remain closed until scheduled end of curfew.
10. Unless there is a fire, participants will not pull the fire alarm. Pulling a fire alarm is a serious offense, and any participant who does so will be held financially and potentially criminally liable. Alarms may automatically summon the fire department and create a great inconvenience and fear for the facility and other guests.
11. Use of personal vehicles by students during Kentucky YMCA programs is strictly prohibited.
12. Weapons of any kind and items that could cause injury or damage to participants and/or property are strictly forbidden.
13. Participate. Don't Anticipate.

**ROOMING POLICY**

I understand I will be sleeping on floors. A camping mat is optional, but I understand I may NOT bring an air mattress.

**PARTICIPANT DRESS CODE**

Y-Corps is informal; however participants are expected to abide by the following dress code to ensure ability to fully participate and enjoy all conference activities. For these reasons, anyone not in compliance with the dress code may be asked to change clothes.

**Important Note:** Y-Corps conferences host an environment in which, at any given time, you *could* find yourself rolling on the floor, held upside down, crawling, climbing, covered in mud/paint/etc., in a wheelbarrow race, or being soaked by any number of water-projecting gadgets. This dress code is designed to support the active and spontaneous nature of these programs so all participants feel comfortable during all parts of programming, without risk of unsafe or malapropos exposure of the body.

**The following attire is considered APPROPRIATE, and recommended, for all participants:**

- **Tops** that are secure enough to avoid risk of overexposure during physical activities
- **Pants or Shorts** in which participants can be comfortable during physical activity and frequent floor sitting
  - Shorts should be practical length for physical activity and floor sitting
  - Skirts are not recommended, but may be worn if length allows for physical activity and floor sitting
- **Shoes and Sandals** with laces/straps and support
  - Bare feet and flip flops generally not recommended (and at times not allowed) for safety reasons

**The following attire is considered INAPPROPRIATE for all participants at ALL TIMES:**

- Visible undergarments
- Any clothing with inappropriate language or imagery, or derogatory of any groups of persons
- Any attire deemed inappropriate or unsafe by Kentucky YMCA staff

**DELEGATE NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

KY YMCA Staff adhere to a Staff Code of Conduct governing appropriate interaction and behavior with children and teens. Staff members are not permitted to have planned conduct with participants outside YMCA events, have completed child abuse prevention training, and submitted to background checks. To report questionable conduct by a KY YMCA staff member, call 800-860-7293.